



# SPECIMEN

GCSE  
Religious Studies (World Religions)  
Buddhism 2  
Specimen Paper

B570

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.  
Additional materials: none

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

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Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Describe the features of a Buddhist place of worship.

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- (b)** Explain how Buddhists might worship at home.

. [6]

- (c) ‘You can be a Buddhist without going to a temple.’

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

[Turn over

- 2 (a)** Describe how Buddhist beliefs might affect the work a Buddhist chooses to do.

. [6]

- (b)** Explain how the laity might support the monastic sangha.

. [6]

- (c) ‘Buddhist teachings make it impossible to work.’

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

[Turn over

- 3 (a)** Describe the importance of the Pali Canon.

. [6]

- (b)** Explain how bhikkhus might use the Pali Canon.

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(c) ‘There are too many Buddhist scriptures.’

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

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## **Extra Answer Space**

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**



OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (WORLD RELIGIONS)**

**J620**

Unit B570: Buddhism 2

**Specimen Mark Scheme**

The maximum mark for this paper is **48**.

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This document consists of **5** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>Describe the features of a Buddhist place of worship.</b></p> <p>Candidates can choose any features. For example candidates might describe the Buddharupa at the centre of the shrine as a focus for meditation and a reminder of the Buddha's achievements, and an example to imitate.</p>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain how Buddhists might worship at home.</b></p> <p>Candidates will need to explain why Buddhists worship at home to access the higher levels. Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meditation practices;</li> <li>• practice of a puja at a shrine.</li> <li>• how worshipping at home can be more frequent and convenient than going to the temple.</li> <li>• the purpose of worship in engendering the right qualities to enable a practitioner to 'see the world as it really is'.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>'You can be a Buddhist without going to a temple.'</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• going to a temple enables Buddhists to fully participate (or take refuge) in the fourfold sangha, and is therefore important to Buddhist practice.</li> <li>• the core of Buddhist practice is meditation, which is essentially a solitary activity, and does not need to be done at a temple.</li> <li>• the lack of a formal priesthood in some Buddhist traditions, and therefore question the value of seeking support at the temple.</li> </ul>	[12]
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
2(a)	<p><b>Describe how Buddhist beliefs might affect the work a Buddhist chooses to do.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with some of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the five precepts or the eightfold path;</li> <li>• the principle of ahimsa;</li> <li>• provide examples of jobs which would be unsuitable because they cause himsa, for example butchery, jobs in the gambling industry.</li> <li>• injunction against intoxicants, and provide the jobs of brewers and publicans as unsuitable occupations.</li> </ul>	[6]
2(b)	<p><b>Explain how the laity might support the monastic sangha.</b></p> <p>Candidates' answers are likely to be influenced by the monastic tradition they have studied and any appropriate answers should be credited.</p>	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
2(b) Cont'd	<p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the physical support offered by the laity to the monastic sangha, for example food, robes, building shelters.</li> <li>• merit-making, or gaining kamma, in the hope of a better rebirth, cultural expectations or the unity of the fourfold sangha.</li> </ul>	
2(c)	<p><b>'Buddhist teachings make it impossible to work.'</b>  <b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to follow the Buddhist teachings of non-attachment, or the extensive meditation practices, fully then working would be impossible, and point to the lifestyles of the bhikkhus as support.</li> <li>• the large number of Buddhists who do work, and argue that although work may be restricted it is not impossible, as long as your attitude to work is appropriate.</li> <li>• it depends upon the extent to which you follow the teachings, or the level at which you are practising the Buddhist Path.</li> </ul>	[12]
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
3(a)	<p><b>Describe the importance of the Pali Canon.</b></p> <p>Candidates might refer to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• historical basis of the Pali Canon as evidence for its authenticity, and thus importance as a source of information about the Buddha;</li> <li>• the contents of the Pali Canon, and show how for example the metta-sutta is important for illustrating the attitudes Buddhists should be aiming to develop.</li> </ul>	[6]
3(b)	<p><b>Explain how bhikkhus might use the Pali Canon.</b></p> <p>Candidates are not expected to know the vinaya rules in detail.</p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how the vinaya rules within the Pali Canon inform the lifestyle of the monks.;</li> <li>• the pannikokha ceremony, and explain its role in ensuring the conformity and reputation of the monastic sangha;</li> <li>• other parts of the Pali Canon, for example the sutta-pitaka, and explain how these are used by the monks.</li> </ul>	[6]
3(c)	<p><b>'There are too many Buddhist scriptures.'</b>  <b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer.</b></p>	[12]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
3(c) Cont'd	<p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the plethora of Buddhists scriptures leads to confusion and contradiction;</li><li>• the range of Buddhist scriptures allows a wider range of people to access them, and follow the Buddhist path in a way which suits them.</li><li>• all the Buddhist scriptures promote the same essence of Buddhism, and therefore the number available is irrelevant.</li></ul>	
	<b>Question Total</b>	<b>[24]</b>
	<b>Paper Total</b>	<b>[48]</b>

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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		<b>6</b>
1(b)	6		<b>6</b>
1(c)		12	<b>12</b>
2(a)	6		<b>6</b>
2(b)	6		<b>6</b>
2(c)		12	<b>12</b>
3(a)	6		<b>6</b>
3(b)	6		<b>6</b>
3(c)		12	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>

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